

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
HEALTH CARE REFORM READINESS PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION INITIATIVE**

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Group: Community Education/System Capacity Building/Workforce Development

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2011 10am – 12pm

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April Meeting Minutes	The minutes for the May meeting were approved		Joy	None
Trainings	June 15, 2011 free SAMHSA Webinar: Overview of Permanent Supportive Housing and Recovery Support --		Joy	Joy sent the link Tuesday, June 7.
System Capacity Building	The draft work plan was reviewed and no revisions were made.		Dorothy	Finalize work plan and timeline in July meeting.
System Capacity Building	The following items are important HCR elements that Substance Use Disorder (SUD) organizations should have in place before 2014: (1) At least one qualified Staff/Professional Licensed Personnel, (2) Establish primary care integration, (3) Develop a relationship with community health centers and federal qualified health centers (FQHC).			Continue discussion on HCR.

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	(4) Become familiar with Medicaid and third party billing regulations. (5) Establish a staff development plan and begin to educate staff and community about HCR regulations and shift in service delivery. (6) Obtain Drug Medi-cal certification, (7) Be State certified by one of the ten accreditations, and (8) Implement Electronic Medical Records (EMRs). *A licensed professional should be any of the following: a Physician or a Psychiatrist, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), and a Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW).			
System Capacity Building	Grace Gonzales and Sandra Corner from El Proyecto del Barrio, which is a FQHC, stated that the Public Health Section 330 Grant does not			

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	require staff certification. The grant is not used for SUD clients. They will provide more information in the next meeting.			
System Capacity Building	Yolanda Cordero disseminated a hand book entitled “Implementing Healthcare Reform: First steps to Transforming Your Organization – A Practical Guide for Leaders”. The hand book is also posted in SAPC website. She encouraged work group members to read and discuss at the next meeting. The guide outlines key steps for how SUD field can begin to take steps toward implementing HCR.			Review key steps outlined in the guide that SUD providers can take to prepare for HCR.
System Capacity Building	Henry Van Oudenherhsen provided an over view of the Third Party Billing process. Services are provided to the patient/client and the agency will bill accordingly to the type of service provided (e.g. primary care services, SUD individual or group counseling services etc.) to			

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	the insurance company or governing body. Rates are assigned to the service in quarterly and/or hourly increments.			
Workforce Development	The Work plan was reviewed. There were no revisions.		Susan Maki	Finalize work plan and timeline in July meeting.
Workforce Development	Denise Shook met with California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUD) admissions director to discuss possibilities for collaboration. Further discussion will be needed in order to establish possible collaborations.			Continue discussing plans for higher education partnerships that can enhance SUD field staffs’ knowledge on HCR and evidence-based practices
Workforce Development	Ruth Ann Markusen provided information on internship billing regulations. If interns are paid less than minimum wage and replaces paid employees, that may be in violation of state labor laws. An alternative is to have unpaid interns assisting licensed staff.			Continue to discuss internship strategies that can work to build capacity and strengthen the SUD workforce
Community Education	The Work plan was reviewed and 1.2 and 3.1 was revised.		Lydia Becerra	Finalize work plan and timeline in July meeting.

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OTHER MATTER/S:	<p>What role will SAPC take under HCR? The following possible items were discussed: monitoring of the remaining Block Grant; measuring performance outcome; and facilitation etc.</p> <p>How to handle access for hard-to-reach clients where there is no SUD services in the area? NIATx has implemented various ways to make access easier for this population, including the use of the internet and programs like Skype</p>			Continue to share HCR SUD resources that workgroup members can use for staff development and workforce development.
Next work group meeting	<u>July 21, 2011, 1:00-3:00 p.m.,</u> SAPC headquarters (rescheduled from July 13).		Joy Alunit	Send agenda, June 8 meeting summary, work plan and reminder.